

Boating

A misty, early morning scene on a large body of water. Several small motorboats are scattered across the calm surface, with people visible on board. The background is hazy with trees and a low sun, creating a soft, atmospheric light.

BOATING PERMITS

- Boating at all three City reservoirs requires a valid boating permit.
- Permits must be carried while boating.
- Permits are nontransferable.
- Permit stickers must be displayed on outside of boat - one on each side in line with the rear seat.
- Permits for Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs are only issued by the City of Baltimore. The cost of a City season permit is \$50.00.

BOAT PERMIT RENEWAL INFORMATION

Applications Available: February 1st

Renewal Processing: Third week of February

TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION

City permits may only be obtained by mail. Send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to: **City of Baltimore, Reservoir Natural Resources Section, 5685 Oakland Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784-6828.** For more information, please call the Reservoir Boating Information Line at 410-795-6150.

- Permits for Loch Raven Reservoir are only issued by Baltimore County. For more information on County permits, please visit the Loch Raven Fishing Center at 12101 Dulaney Valley Road or call 410-887-7692, in season, or 410-887-3818, off season.

SEASONS AND TIMES

- The reservoirs are open sunrise to sunset year-round.
- The boating season at Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs runs from March 1st to December 31st.
- The boating season at Loch Raven Reservoir runs from April 2nd to November 28th (limited schedule after Labor Day).
- Boats must be removed when the boating season ends.

REQUIREMENTS

- Reservoir boaters under 18 must be accompanied by a person 18 or older.
- All boats must be equipped with oars and oarlocks or paddles.
- Rowboats or canoes may use battery-powered electric motors.
- Racing shells are allowed only on Prettyboy (may be propelled only by rowing).
- Kayaks are allowed on all three reservoirs. All other existing "Watershed Regulations" that pertain to kayaks remain in effect.
- Boats must be between 12' and 20' and have beams (widths) 48" or greater and depths 18" or greater. Canoes must have beams (widths) 35" or greater. Boats may only be launched and removed from
- designated ramps. Unoccupied boats must be kept securely locked at
- designated storage locations. Due to the potential for zebra mussel contamination,
- boaters on Liberty, Loch Raven and/or Prettyboy Reservoirs must sign an affidavit stating their boat will be used *only on these reservoirs*.

SAFETY

- All boats must be seaworthy.
- Boaters must have one U.S. Coast Guard approved *wearable* personal flotation device for each occupant.
- Boaters must have some means of making an efficient sound signal such as a whistle, bell or horn.
- Rowboats over 16' must have one *throwable* personal flotation device.
- *Most* boats require fire extinguishers.
- Boats may not be operated with a greater number of occupants than specified by manufacturer.
- Operators born on or after July 1, 1972 must have in their possession a valid Certificate of Boating Safety Education.
- Recreational boaters are urged not to interfere with persons fishing.
- Wearing life preservers is strongly recommended.

PROHIBITIONS

- Gasoline-powered engines are prohibited on the reservoirs.
- Inflatable, collapsible, sail and pontoon boats are prohibited on the reservoirs.
- *No boating* between Liberty Road and Liberty Dam.
- *No boating* between Loch Raven Drive Bridge and the Loch Raven Dam.
- *No boating* between Loch Raven Dam and small Loch Raven Dam.
- *No boating* within 1500 feet of Prettyboy Dam.
- *Only* State registration number stickers are to be displayed on the forward section of the boat.
- Improper boat storage in spaces designated for handicapped boaters is prohibited.

NOTICE

- *Persons using boats on the reservoirs do so at their own risk.*
- *The City may immediately remove and/or impound any unsafe boats.*
- *Season permits will be revoked when any boat is removed by the City.*
- *Unclaimed boats will be considered City property and may be disposed of by the City.*
- *The City is not responsible for damage to or loss of any privately-owned boat whether or not it is being held by the City because of these violations.*
- *Permits will be revoked by the City whenever the holder has been found in violation of regulations.*
- *The City may refuse past permit violators further reservoir boating privileges.*
- *The City may reinstate the moratorium on boat use on any or all of its reservoirs at any time.*